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With a career spanning over three decades, David has built quite a reputation in the masonry industry with his extensive knowledge and expertise in the masonry field. After graduating Indiana University and following his 4-year apprenticeship, David supervised for AB Cochran & Son, Inc. for six years. Next, he worked as a General Masonry Superintendent for FA Wilhelm for seven years, then Smoot Construction for three years in project management.

In 1999, David joined the International Masonry Institute as the Director of Market Development and Technical Services, a position in which he currently holds, providing craftworker upgrade training, contractor education, and offering free technical support/assistance to the design community to promote quality masonry construction. His areas of expertise include the building envelope, ceramic & stone tile installation, codes and regulations, grouting and reinforced masonry, preservation & restoration, project management, specification writing, sustainable design, thermal and moisture protection, life cycle cost analysis, and much more the masonry industry.

As a certified AIA/CES presenter, he has lectured and given lunchbox masonry seminars to many architectural and engineering firms, with an emphasis on structural masonry. Programs include in-office plan reviews or Q & A, hands-on opportunities, Flashing and Moisture Control, Movement Control in Masonry Walls, Brick Masonry Restoration, Terra Cotta Restoration, Stone Design and Construction, Masonry Codes and Standards, and Brick Selection, as well as jobsite troubleshooting and pre-construction installation practices.

He has been a guest lecturer for the University of Notre Dame, Ball State University, Indiana State University, Purdue University, Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne, and Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis, as well as various venues across the country.

David is a 10-year voting member of the ASTM C-08 on Refractories, ASTM C-12 Committee on Mortars and Grout, as well as the ASTM C-15 Committee on Masonry Units. He is also a longstanding member of the Construction Specification Institute (CSI) and has received accreditations from multiple universities with a discipline in Architecture and Planning. David is also a member of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Division of Fire and Building Safety as well as a 30-year member of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers.

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